

FAQs from AP Parent Webinar

Question	Response
1. What is the process for requesting accommodations from College Board?	Please check the College Board website here for dates and other information. <i>Ninth graders and families are encouraged to begin this process early</i> in the high school years for future testing. You can also reach out to your child's counselor for assistance.
2. Will PHS be offering AP African American Studies and AP Precalc?	The AP African American Studies course (I incorrectly referred to it as "History" rather than "Studies" during the Webinar) is being piloted in selected schools for a second year and will, according to the New York Times, be more broadly available to high schools in the 2024-25 school year. Members of our staff have begun conversations about exploring this as an option and it may be available as a self-study course. The AP Precalculus course is a new course available in some high schools in 2023-24. We are in the beginning stages of exploring whether such a course is a good match for our students and programs. <i>This course is not currently available for self-study.</i>
3. How does my student self-study for an AP Exam?	Each year, a small number of students self-study for AP exams. Many of these students take AP Chinese Language, which we cannot currently offer as a course at our school, while others may be self-studying for an exam for which they have previous coursework or knowledge. Students interested in self-studying should be aware that this requires a significant amount of work, often on top of an already rigorous schedule. Courses with similar titles (Biology or US History) also do not teach the full AP curriculum and so students in these classes are generally not prepared for the specific AP Course. Very often, 9th and 10th graders are best advised to wait to take the full course in a later year. Students interested in exploring the possibility of self-studying should speak with their counselor, the Resource Teacher of the department for the course, and Mr. McKenna.
4. Various questions on sending AP scores to colleges for credit	Students decide to send scores to colleges and usually must do so in July before their Freshman year of college (so it can be transferred to credit where appropriate). Some students self-report scores on college applications but the official score report does not need to be sent until after the senior year exams. Check here for more details.
5. Join Codes?	Students should receive Join Codes from their teacher. Students should speak to their teachers about this, and they can let Mr. McKenna or Ms. Brooks know if these are not received by the end of September.

6. Is PHS offering Digital exams?	College Board is offering 7 digital exams this spring. PHS leadership is currently determining whether this is a good match for our school, our students, and our facilities (including wireless network systems).
7. What is the cost of AP Exams?	The cost of the AP exams at PHS is \$101 (\$151 for Capstone exams) regardless of how the student pays.
8. What are the dates again?	<p>Students need to decide to register or cancel the exam by November 8th. A late cancellation or late registration will incur a \$41.75 fee. **Students <i>only</i> incur a late fee if they <i>join/register</i> for an AP class section after Nov 15th. Joining the AP class before Nov 15th, but paying for the exam after Nov 15th does not incur a late fee.**</p> <p>Note that all fees – exam fees, late fees, cancellation fees – apply to exams taken through self-study. MCPS is paying AP exam fees this year (unless a student is doing self-study).</p>